

1624 Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2012 – North Seattle Alliance Church

Attendees:

Joseph Evenson, Elizabeth Rich, Mark Mayor, Katherine Mayor, Lamar Scott, Cathy Scott, Jeff Markham, Katie Lynn Markham, Mela Erickson, Joseph Evenson, Heather Van Houten, Shelley Dooley, Diana Hardwick, Tess Thomas, Diane Wysocki, Gia Wesley, Marie Fuji, Stephanie Allison-Noone, Doreen Holze

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY	DECISIONS	ASSIGNMENTS	DUE DATES	LEADS
1624/CAPFT Meetings	Marie Fuji thanked care givers and explained what the purpose was for the 1624/CAPFT meetings. Questions were asked about how to deal with issues such as payments and placement.				
Placement Packet	Foster parents should receive a child info packet when a child is placed in their home. Foster parents should be asked to sign a form when receiving the packets. This should now be occurring each time a child is placed with them.				
Tess Thomas	Tess spoke about the 1624 meetings and the importance of foster parents being heard regarding their concerns. It's a valuable tool for foster parents.				

Placement Concerns	<p>Foster parents wanted to know whom to contact if they aren't receiving calls for placements? Patrick Noone is the Placement supervisor and Marie Fuji is the A.A. for Placement.</p> <p>Foster parents at the meeting expressed they liked receiving emails from Placement. But would like a response if their home is not picked for the placement.</p> <p>New foster parents do not know how to work within the system. Who do they contact? How do they know how to let people know they are open to fostering? Right now they can't be proactive in getting placements.</p> <p>Foster parents indicated they are only be called afterhours and not during the day.</p> <p>Respite providers are being called in the middle of the night, but do not want to be called.</p>				
Foster Parents and Washington Basic Health Plan	<p>Foster parents had questions about this plan.</p> <p>They wanted to know if this program is included in any budget cuts.</p>				

DLR	<p>Background checks need to be processed more quickly, particularly for respite providers and contracted service providers.</p> <p>Gia let foster parents know that they should contact Pat Graham if they have specific background check questions and/or for questions on this process.</p> <p>Some foster parents expressed frustration that they have to be fingerprinted more than once for state and the federal government.</p> <p>Gia explained that the two systems are not integrated.</p> <p>Gia also shared that Rueben Reeves now works in Region 3, and that they are hiring for two more licenser positions.</p> <p>For licenser questions please feel free to contact Gia at 206-923-4933.</p>				
Social Workers	Some changes are coming to the core competences for both social workers and care givers.				
Training	<p>Class schedules need to be developed sooner and published so care givers have the ability to plan their schedules.</p> <p>Classes should be available at the support groups as well as the other venues currently available to foster parents.</p> <p>Foster parents want clearer communication on what training requirements are and whether both foster parents need to take the training classes or just one of</p>				

	<p>them.</p> <p>Modules – Parent Plus – takes approximately eight hours to complete.</p> <p>Foster parents would like more trainings in the north end of R2.</p> <p>Foster parents are confused about training requirements.</p>			
Other Issues	<p>Foster parents would like to receive an email quarterly from licensors saying “I’m your licensor, contact me with any questions or concerns.” That way they’ll know who their licensor is.</p> <p>Some foster parents were not aware there are now only three regions – not six. Foster parents would like information updated more often on the various web sites.</p> <p>Look for information on the CA web site to find out information about candidates and liaison information. Stephanie announced that Garth Gill was elected as the new foster parent liaison for R2 south. Garth Gill will be replacing Tess Thomas as Tess completes her two year term.</p> <p>Olive Crest has travel policy information on their web site.</p>			
State-wide Issues	<p>Connection to foster parents after licensing.</p> <p>Automated email – saying “I’m still your worker.”</p>	Can information about out-of-state travel be placed on the Connections website?	Stephanie Swallow	Stephanie Allison-Noone will speak with Stephanie Swallow to see if out-of-state information can be

	<p>Information sharing on contact information – whom do I contact, who’s who, etc.</p> <p>Training map on DLR website is on the old system and the information is not updated.</p> <p>Out-of-State travel</p>			<p>placed on the Connections website.</p>
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